

The Honorable Luther H. Hodges  
Secretary of Commerce  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hodges:

The Department of State has proposed transfer to the Central Intelligence Agency on 1 July 1961 of responsibility for production and maintenance of basic intelligence on foreign countries in the sociological, political, and economic portions of the National Intelligence Survey which have heretofore been performed by the Department of State.

In accepting this responsibility I want to ensure the maximum effective utilization of the established civilian agencies. Specifically, I suggest for your consideration the assignment to the Department of Commerce of the production and maintenance for those portions of the National Intelligence Survey which relate to your departmental responsibilities and facilities. These portions are: Section 41 (Population), Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction), and Section 65 (Trade and Finance).

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I have designated [REDACTED] Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence, to represent me in discussion of the problem with such representatives as you may wish to meet with him.

Sincerely,

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SIGNED  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Robert Amory Jr 9 May 1961

Deputy Director (Intelligence)